

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Piero LOSI et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1747
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Application No. 10/584,798)	Examiner: Justin R. Fischer
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Filed: April 18, 2007)	Confirmation No. 3422
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For: PNEUMATIC TIRE AND)	
PROCESS FOR ITS)	
MANUFACTURE)	
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Sir:

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicants thank the Examiner for the Notice of Allowance mailed September 20, 2011. Without withdrawing the allowed claims from issue, Applicants submit these comments for the record.

In the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner provided a statement of reasons for allowance, which emphasized or focused on certain elements of Applicants' claims and the prior art references. Although Applicants agree with the Examiner's ultimate conclusion that the claims are allowable, Applicants submit that the claims are allowable not solely because certain elements of the claims are not disclosed by prior art. Rather, the claims are allowable because they recite novel and non-obvious combinations of

elements, including combinations not mentioned in the Examiner's statement.

Moreover, Applicants do not subscribe to the Examiner's paraphrasing and characterization of the claims to the extent that such paraphrasing and characterization is inconsistent with the actual claim language. Applicants also do not subscribe to the Examiner's characterization of the disclosure of the cited references in relation to the claim language.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of these Comments, please charge the fee to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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